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TAGS: EAID SREF, UNRWA XF

SUBJECT: UNRWA FINANCES

REFV: AMEMBASSY BEIRUT 0923

1. UNRWA DIRECTOR OF LISASON VAN WIJK BRIEFED MISOFF ON UNRWA FINANCES ALONG LINES REFTTEL. HE ALSO BRIEFED SEPARATELY UNRWA WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN (TURKISH AMBASSADOR OLCAY,) BRITISH, FRENCH AND JAPANESE REPS.

2. VAN WIJK SAID UNRWA DEPUTY COMMISSIONER KONOTOS WILL VISIT NEW YORK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 6 WHERE HE WILL BRIEF MISSION ON UNRWA'S PROBLEMS.

KONTOS ALSO PLANS MEET WITH WORKING GROUP (WG) FEB 7 TO INFORM IT OFFICIALLY OF SITUATION INCLUDING PROSPECTS FOR REDUCTION OF SERVICES IN MARCH. PRESUMABLY WG THEN WILL FEEL COMPELLED TO INFORM SYG AND/OR GA. WG MAY ALSO CONSIDER EMERGENCY APPEALS TO GOVERNMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THERE WILL BE MUCH SUPPORT FOR THIS IN

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WG CONSIDERING PREVIOUS POOR RESULTS OF SUCH APPEALS.

3. VAN WIJK EMPHASIZED CONGEN RENNIE'S FEARS THAT CUT-BACKS WOULD CAUSE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR HOST GOVTS INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE BREAKING OUT AMONG REFUGEES. (IN EARLIER CONVERSATION UAE REP, A PALESTINIAN, TOLD MISOFF THAT UAE WOULD NOT MAKE ANY FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA AS "U.S. HAD CREATED PROBLEM; THEREFORE IT UP TO U.S. TO SOLVE IT". (HE ADDED OFF-HANDEDLY THAT IF CUTS OCCURRED, AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT WOULD BE BURNED.)

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS ON POSITION U.S. REP SHOULD TAKE AT WG MEETING.

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